

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Unhappy
Misunderstanding

MIDDLE East reactions to the Turkey-Iraq treaty have been so varied that the danger has arisen it might defeat its own object. It is of moment, therefore, to consider why the treaty was considered to be necessary.

One of its motivating factors is that Iraq is in the front line against Communism, and that country is very conscious that the Middle East, because of its manifold internal problems and the divisions between its governments, must seem to Moscow an especially attractive region for its next plans and manoeuvres.

In the post-war period the prime theme internationalism has been the defence of the free world against the threat of Communist imperialism. In the West that has been checked by the creation of NATO. But with the damping up of Russia's advance in Europe, Russia may turn in another direction. Iraq and Turkey have drawn the inference and are striving to prepare against the consequences.

In a sense the new treaty is complementary to the Anglo-Egyptian settlement over the Suez base. By this agreement the base becomes active if Turkey or a member of the Arab League Defence Treaty is attacked. But the problems of security cannot be dealt with piecemeal. The Middle East is a whole. Hence the invitation in the Turkey-Iraq pact for other states to join in.

Unhappily both the negotiations of the new treaty and its reception by the Middle East countries have been marred by misunderstanding. The outcome has been confusion among the Arab states, not all of which share Egypt's views, though they are naturally much concerned by them.

Egypt's motives are mixed. As the largest of the Arab countries Egypt claims to lead the Arab world, and it objects that the initiative should have been taken by Iraq over its head. Furthermore, as a country which until recently was engaged in a nationalist struggle with Britain, it is suspicious of any Arab state pursuing a course that may link it militarily with the West. That, at least, is the reason given, although it is well to remember that at times the Egyptian leaders have expressed themselves willing to collaborate with the West. Moreover, they made no protest when Iraq some months ago agreed to accept arms from the United States.

It will be a tragedy if disagreements between Egypt and Iraq prevent the Middle East from enjoying the stabilising effects which could follow from the present treaty. The whole object of statesmanship should now be to harmonise Egypt and its Arab partners. There can be no secure peace in the Middle East unless the Arab countries are reunited and unless they are united also with Turkey. In terms of real interest there is no reason why Egypt should not co-operate with Iraq and Turkey. Much of the friction arises out of personal disputes and out of genuine misunderstandings. Given goodwill these can be cleared away.

The dominant hope now is that Iraq will succeed in persuading the other countries of the Arab League of the wisdom of the new alliance, and that Egypt, in particular, will withdraw her objections to the treaty, thereby making a positive contribution to the future stability and welfare of the Middle East.

Dock
Strike
Threat To
Britain

London, Feb. 28. Britain was threatened with another disastrous dock strike today when negotiations broke down over an overtime dispute, main cause of last autumn's 29-day stoppage.

Port authorities accordingly ended the truce on overtime discipline agreed to during the negotiations, and the position has reverted to that existing at the time of the original October strike.

Any dockers' henceforth refusing to work compulsory overtime without reasonable excuse will be reported for disciplinary action.

The dockers are opposing compulsory overtime, claiming that it should be in all cases voluntary.

Talks collapsed at a two-hour meeting this morning of the Port Labour Executive Committee attended by dock employers and representatives of dockers' unions.

It became apparent that there is no immediate likelihood of complete agreement in the negotiations on practical overtime arrangements, the committee announced later.

"A good deal of headway has been made on such matters as facilities for replacement, but the negotiations have broken down on the interpretation of a man's ultimate obligations under the dock labour scheme.

"This point could only arise in practice if, after all arrangements for relief fall, a man is required to work reasonable overtime."

1954 STRIKE

Last year's giant dock strike eventually spread to eight key ports, involving 44,000 men. It held up vast quantities of exports and imports, stranded 353 ships and cut production in many factories.

The stoppage, which threatened to plunge the nation into industrial chaos, was the worst since the General Strike of 1926.—Reuter.

Tescanini
Denies Report

New York, Feb. 28. Maestro Arturo Toscanini, 88, and his white-haired secretary arrived here today amid rumours that they planned to be married.

Walter Tescanini, the conductor's son, branded the reports "just ridiculous" shortly before his father arrived aboard a trans-Atlantic liner.

"I did not know anything about this until I talked with you newsmen," he told reporters. "You can deny it as just ridiculous."

Toscanini announced his retirement from the orchestra podium last year and went home to Italy last June. His son said he had returned for five or six months to put the finishing touches on some records he made.

The conductor was accompanied back to the US by Miss Anita Colombo of Milan.—United Press.

GATT Won't Entertain
Imperial Preference

Geneva, Feb. 28. A last-minute attempt by Australia to raise the issue of imperial preference in international trade got short shrift here today.

During the GATT conference, Australia proposed that permission should be given for bigger preference margins to be negotiated.

Changes in the value of money and goods have wiped out the value of many preferences fixed years ago.

The 34 delegations had earlier been told they must sit late every night this week to be certain of finishing by Saturday. "So, when the Australian spokesman, the Secretary of the Department of Commerce and Agriculture, Mr. J. G. Crawford, made his plea, he found most of the delegations impatient to get on with other business.

After a very short discussion, a decision was called for. Only Britain and seven other countries supported Australia.

Mr. Crawford was repeating a demand put forward at the beginning of the conference last October by his leader, Mr. John McEwen.

"Preference rates have deteriorated almost to vanishing point but GATT denies us the opportunity to negotiate them," Mr. McEwen said then.—London Express Service.

N.E. ASIA DEFENCE PLAN

US Blueprint
Reported
JAPAN, S. KOREA
FORMOSA LINK

Possible Association
With SEATO

London, Feb. 28. The United States was reported here today to be considering linking Formosa, South Korea and Japan in a defence agreement with the United States.

The United States envisions associating such a Northeast Asia defence organisation later with SEATO, the Southeast Asia defence pact, the Press reports added.

Sir Anthony Eden received the plan with marked reserve when the United States Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, mentioned it at Bangkok, the Manchester Guardian said.

The Foreign Office said that it had no knowledge of this reported policy blueprint.

MOSCOW
REPEATS
WARNING

Moscow, Feb. 28. Russia warned Britain again tonight that British-supported rearmament of West Germany would nullify the Anglo-Soviet friendship treaty of 1942.

The Foreign Ministry sent a new note on the subject to the British Embassy at 8 p.m. and broadcast an announcement of its delivery two hours later.

An Embassy spokesman described the note as a "further warning" following up the Soviet note of December 20.

A British note of January 28 advised Russia that Britain would "not be deflected from her chosen course" of approving German rearmament.

This text of the new Soviet note was not made public immediately but it was clear it did not formally declare the 1942 treaty void.

Leonid Il'ychev, Foreign Ministry press chief, told newsmen some time ago the Russian threat to cancel the pact would not be effective until the "act of ratification" of the Paris rearmament treaty was completed—presumably meaning until all of the countries concerned have completed action on the arms agreements.

The Paris treaties have been ratified by both Houses of the British Parliament, but they have not yet been formally approved by the Queen.—United Press.

UNOFFICIAL REACTION

Unofficial British reaction to the suggestion indicated uneasiness today, probably stemming largely from Britain's anxiety to keep out of any trouble over Germany.

The Manchester Guardian despatch said, "The manner in which the British delegation spokesmen (at Bangkok) appeared deliberately to play down this important facet of American Far Eastern policy seems to suggest that it by no means has Britain's full support."

"But it is understood that no formal objections were raised by Sir Anthony Eden after Mr. Dulles had outlined it to the SEATO conference," the Guardian added.

The Scotsman pointed out that before Japan could join any treaty organisation—which included South Korea, disputes between them would have to be resolved.

On the other hand, Formosa's inclusion in such a set-up would provide a boost to the Nationalist regime which had been affected by the evacuation of the Tachen Islands, the Scotsman said.

Britain's uneasiness over any such far-reaching political and military link-up in the Far East stems largely from her anxiety to keep out of trouble which might arise over Formosa.

Under SEATO Britain is committed with the other seven members of the pact to the defence of the Southeast Asian area only. Formosa is not covered by the SEATO arrangements.

Britain has made it repeatedly clear in recent weeks that she has no commitment over Formosa other than through the United Nations.—United Press.

Big Tokyo Blaze

Tokyo, Feb. 28. Tokyo's biggest postwar fire today destroyed the Showa Girls University and a residential home in the suburbs of the city.

One person was killed and 10 were injured.

More than 300 were made homeless.—United Press.



M. MIKOYAN

Missing Scientist

Pontecorvo
Turns Up
In Russia

Article Appears In
Soviet Papers

Moscow, Mar. 1. Bruno Pontecorvo, British atomic scientist who disappeared several years ago, is in Russia, the newspapers Pravda and Izvestia disclosed today.

Both Pravda, the Communist Party organ, and Izvestia, the official government newspaper, published an article by Pontecorvo calling for a worldwide ban on atomic weapons.

The article was the first official sign that Pontecorvo, an Italian-born former British scientist, definitely was in Russia, although there had been Western speculation to that effect.

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PONTECORVO

He last was seen in Finland almost five years ago.

Pontecorvo signed the article as a "professor and Stalin Prize winner." He said he "already had been in the Soviet Union for several years."

(Pontecorvo disappeared from Rome in 1950. With him were his wife, Helena Marianne and their three children.)

(Pontecorvo was once a colleague of Dr. Klaus Fuchs, who was sentenced to prison for disclosing atomic secrets to the Soviet).

(A British Government spokesman said shortly after Pontecorvo disappeared that there was "no doubt" he had gone to Russia.)

The 42-year-old Italian-born scientist and his family reportedly were driven in a Russian car from the Soviet Legation in Helsinki to the Helsinki docks, where they boarded a ship for Russia.

(Pontecorvo, who was thought to have some British atom secrets, with him when he disappeared, had become a naturalised British subject during World War II).—United Press.

SOVIET CABINET
RESHUFFLE

New First Vice-Premiers

Paris, Feb. 28. The Soviet Premier, Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, today appointed three new First Vice-Premiers and four new Vice-Premiers in his Cabinet reshuffle, the Soviet Tass news agency reported today.

The three First Vice-Premiers will rank with Lazarus Kaganovich and Vyacheslav Molotov, who were until now the only two First Vice-Premiers.

The promoted ministers are Anastase Mikoyan, Michail Kervodkhin and Maxim Saburov who were previously Vice-Premiers.

The four new Vice-Premiers are Alexis Savinaguan, Vasil Kucherenko, P. S. Lobanov and N. B. Khroulchitzhev.

They said that these promotions had been decreed by the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the Soviet Union at the proposal of Premier Bulganin.

The announcement said that Vice-Premier Vyacheslav Malychuk had been assigned new responsibilities in directing the group of ministers in charge of compulsory construction.

He has therefore been relieved of his duties as the Ministry for Construction of Medium Machinery and his post has been given to one of the new Vice-Ministers, Alexis Savinaguan.

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Royal Children
& Blood Sports

London, Feb. 28. Queen Elizabeth, recipient of much regal and diplomatic mail, today received an unusual letter—an appeal from the National Society for the Abolition of Blood Sports, requesting that she encourage her children to hunt.

The letter recalled that, last month near Sandringham, Prince Charles and Princess Anne watched the preparation for a fox hunt and said: "May we hope that this does not mean that they will soon take part in fox hunting themselves?"

"Your Majesty is no doubt aware," continued the letter, "that the hunting of foxes and other animals is an extremely controversial subject, and we humbly hope that the Prince and Princess will not be encouraged to hunt, but will be allowed to decide for themselves when they reach an age of discretion."

France-Press.

Admits He Lied
Under Oath

New York, Feb. 28. M/Sgt. William Olson, accused of collaborating with his Red Chinese captors in Korea admitted today that he had lied under oath in the past five years but "not wilfully, intentionally, knowingly, deliberately or with malice aforethought."

The veteran Army sergeant spent the entire day on the witness stand as his general court martial on seven collaborated charges neared its climax. He will return to the witness stand tomorrow, it was said.—United Press.

Fifth Test Begins
England
Races
For Runs

Sydney, Mar. 1. After losing the toss, England opened the batting in the Fifth Test at the Sydney Cricket Ground today obviously under orders to "hit out", and runs were coming at the rate of one a minute.

The start of the match was delayed until after lunch today because of the sodden state of the ground but commentators said the pitch itself was "looking quite dry."

Hutton was the first English victim when, with his score at six, he snicked a ball to young Pat Burge of N.S.W. at leg slip to give Lindwall his 98th Test wicket.

Then Gravemyer was joined by May and the two began laying a solid foundation for the England score.

At 3.15 Sydney time, England had scored 72 runs in 74 minutes. Both Gravemyer and May were not afraid to hit "upish" shots and the crowd which had waited patiently from the early hours of the morning saw some entertaining cricket.

BATSMEN'S WICKET Commentators said that despite the wet state of the ground the bowlers were not getting very much assistance from the pitch and described it as "a batsmen's wicket."

Gravemyer quickly ran to 25 while his partner, May, was inclined to be more cautious. Gravemyer hit an upish shot from Miller past Beardsley and he ran three while the ball trickled slowly down through the heavy outfield.

Then Gravemyer hit a ball from Davidson for two.

NICE LENGTH Davidson was bowling a nice length at this stage and his first two overs yielded only four runs.

Miller who had bowled unchanged for the first hour was replaced with the score at 1 for 51 and Bill Johnston remained the bowling. Commentators said Miller's bowling was in.

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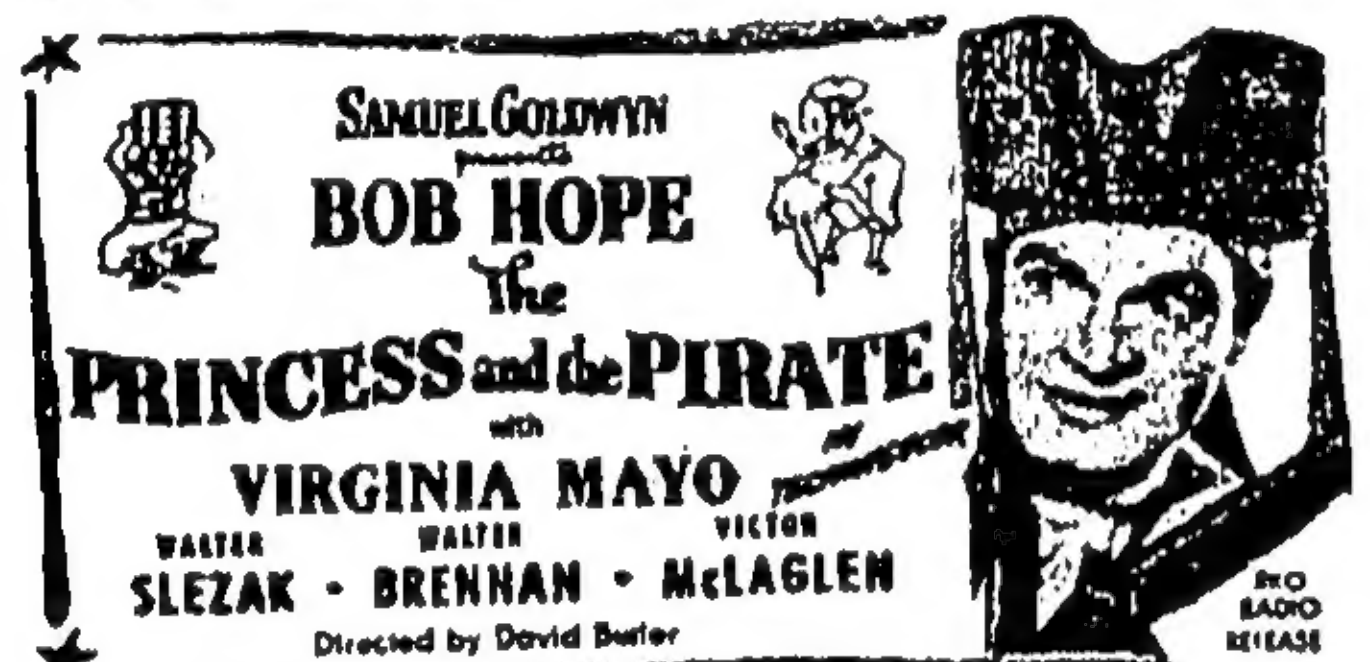


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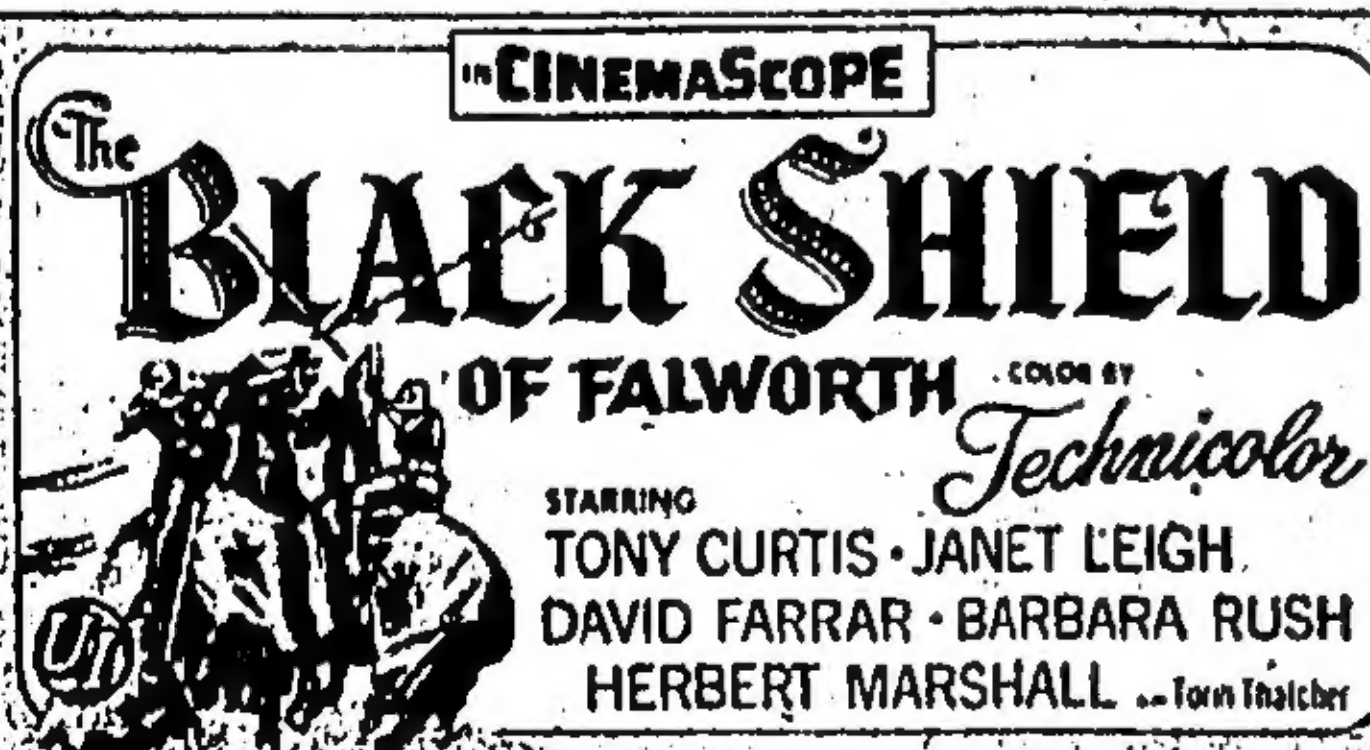
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FORMOSA LULL

Only Heavy Patrol Action In Straits

Taipei, Mar. 1.

An uneasy lull in the Formosa Straits entered its third day with only heavy patrol action reported in the tension-filled 100-mile stretch of water. Both the Nationalists and Communist China gave indications of preparing for bigger and bloodier battles over those islands remaining under the Nationalist control off the China mainland.

THORIUM FIND IN S. AFRICA

Johannesburg, Feb. 28.

South Africa has thorium — the mineral which may give the world cheap atomic power — a vast store.

The announcement of thorium's use as a new type of nuclear reactor by the United States Atomic Energy Commission did not take South African nuclear physicists and geologists by surprise.

Professor F. R. N. Nabarro, head of the Nuclear Physics Department of the University of the Witwatersrand, said that he had known for some time that attempts were being made to use thorium as an atomic reactor.

A coloured man of Van Rhyns Dorp, North West Cape, knocked a piece off a weathered outcrop. He found it to be surprisingly heavy and took it to a local farmer-pro prospector. The stone turned out to be particularly rich in thorium.

Thorium has been found by prospectors in South West Africa and in Namagualand, but it is in granite formations and hard to work. — Reuter.

Jane Froman Leaves Pilot Husband

New York, Feb. 28.

Singer Jane Froman announced today that she and her husband, the Pan American Airways pilot who saved her from death in a plane crash 12 years ago, have decided "to separate for the present."

The announcement was made by Miss Froman's Press representative who said that the singer was in Miami recovering from an attack of neuritis. Her husband, Mr. John Burn, is in Acapulco, Mexico, on a one-month vacation, the spokesman said.

The spokesman said that the couple had no plans for divorce but had separated "due to personal problems they felt they could better work out alone."

Miss Froman and Mr. Burn were married in Miami in 1948, five years after they had met in the icy waters of the Tugus River, off Lisbon, Portugal.

SEVERELY INJURED
Mr. Burn, co-pilot of the crashed plane, supported the severely injured Miss Froman, then the wife of the singer and actor Mr. Donald Ross, until rescuers took them from the water.

Miss Froman was hospitalized for months, under treatment for years, and still wears a leg brace as a result of injuries suffered in the accident. She divorced Mr. Ross in 1948 and married Mr. Burn a few weeks later, rising from her wheel chair to walk down the aisle on crutches. — United Press.

AGA KHAN IN NICE

Nice, Feb. 28.

The Aga Khan and his wife, the Begum, arrived here by plane today and immediately moved to their villa in Cannes where they plan to stay until May.

The Aga Khan, who heads the Ismaili branch of Islam, appeared to have recovered from his recent illness. — France Press.

Nationalist Chinese naval sources said the Communist Chinese had started initial efforts to "box in" Chiang's northern defence complex at Matsu.

MEET THREAT

Naval units were reported to have left Formosa's northern port of Keelung for Matsu two days ago to meet a new Red threat to that island.

A Communist gunboat and motorised junk fleet which has recently massed south of the island dispersed and avoided a light, Nationalist sources said.

No activity was reported yesterday on Quemoy Island, which the Communists had ringed with big Russian-built artillery capable of reaching every corner of the island.

Quemoy is the southern anchor of Chiang's 150-mile-long island defence line just off the China coast. The island stands only four miles off China's port of Amoy.

Quemoy, Chiang's biggest and most heavily defended island, is garrisoned by some 40,000 crack troops. Matsu, at the extreme northern end of the island defence line and an extremely vital cog in Chiang's defence setup, is defended by about 15,000 Nationalist regulars.

Military observers here thought the present lull meant:

1. The Nationalists were conserving their air and naval power for a showdown struggle for the islands. At the same time units of Chiang's mobile reserves were reported to have been dispatched to bolster their defences.

REDEPLOYMENT

2. The Communists were taking time to redeploy troops, air units and naval forces southward from Matsu and Quemoy, which have already felt Red's exploratory jabs. — United Press.

Big Power Projects At Salisbury

Salisbury, S. Rhodesia, Feb. 28.

Work has begun on Salisbury's third power station — although a 20,000 kilowatt machine, the final addition to Salisbury's 24,000,000 second power station, was tested only on January 18.

A Municipal official said that future extensions of the third power station would depend on the Government's decision on hydro-electric power. The Council would want to know by next year whether this power would be available.

A machine producing 30,000 kilowatts would operate in the first stage of the third power station next year, followed in 1957 by another 30,000 kilowatt machine.

Together these would roughly equal the highest load on the second power station last winter, but it had been estimated that more power for the city's growing needs would have to be available after 1961. — Reuter.

Calypso For The Princess



Princess Margaret receives a recording of a calypso — written in her honour — from the composer, Horace Abraham, leader of the calypso band "Sir Horace and his Merry Knights" at a floodlit garden party in the grounds of King's House, Jamaica, during her Caribbean tour. Abraham and his band played and sang their calypso for the Princess and one for the Queen, which was also on the record. One verse of the calypso for the Princess ran:

"You have heard of our rice and peas,
Our cakes and swordfish never fail to please,
We hope you'll try out some of these." — Reuterphoto.

Princess Deeply Touched

Nassau, Feb. 28.
Princess Margaret told a youth rally here today that she has been "deeply touched" by the affection shown her during her West Indies tour.

She heard 10,000 school children shrilly sing "We love you, we do" in a ditty entitled "Hail Princess Britannia," the words and music of which were by a local schoolmaster.

Princess Margaret who wore a blue printed white silk dress and a small blue scalloped straw hat, got three rousing cheers from the children. — Reuter.

Ike Preparing To Slash Trade Red Tape

Washington, Feb. 28.

President Eisenhower is preparing to ask Congress to slash the tangle of red tape surrounding United States customs procedures and ease the entry of foreign-made goods into the dollar market.

Treasury officials told Reuter today that their trade experts were now working on a final draft of a customs simplification bill which would be put to Congress "within a week or two."

Such a simplification of the present cumbersome procedures is part of the President's overall foreign economic programme to expand world trade for the mutual benefit of the United States and its allies.

Foreign manufacturers and United States importers have complained for years that the complicated customs evaluation system is a bigger trade barrier than United States tariffs because of the uncertainty it creates.

Legislation to streamline the system and remove its uncertainty by establishing a single standard for valuation in place of the present several standards has been submitted to Congress on three previous occasions. Each time the influence in Congress of the domestic protectionist interests, fearful of increased foreign competition, was strong enough to block any change.

If this fourth attempt at simplification follows the previous legislation pattern, the Eisenhower Administration would seek Congressional approval to use foreign "export value" as the main basis for customs duties.

At present, these duty appraisals are made on either the export value (the wholesale price at which a foreign trader sells on the world market) or the foreign value (the sale price of the article in its country of origin) and the higher and customs officials here must then use it in assessing duties.

But if various technical reasons make it impossible to use these two methods, the officials can then base their valuations on the generally higher prices of comparable goods produced in the United States.

This system often results in lengthy investigations of costs both in the United States and in overseas trading nations and many a foreign manufacturer or his importing agent has been unexpectedly billed for high duty payments long after the imported goods have been sold.

PROFIT LOST
These additional duties in a number of instances were enough to wipe out the trader's profit.

The Treasury which is in charge of customs has a backlog of thousands of appeals against higher duties assessed on the various standards — some of them pending for more than a year. — Reuter.

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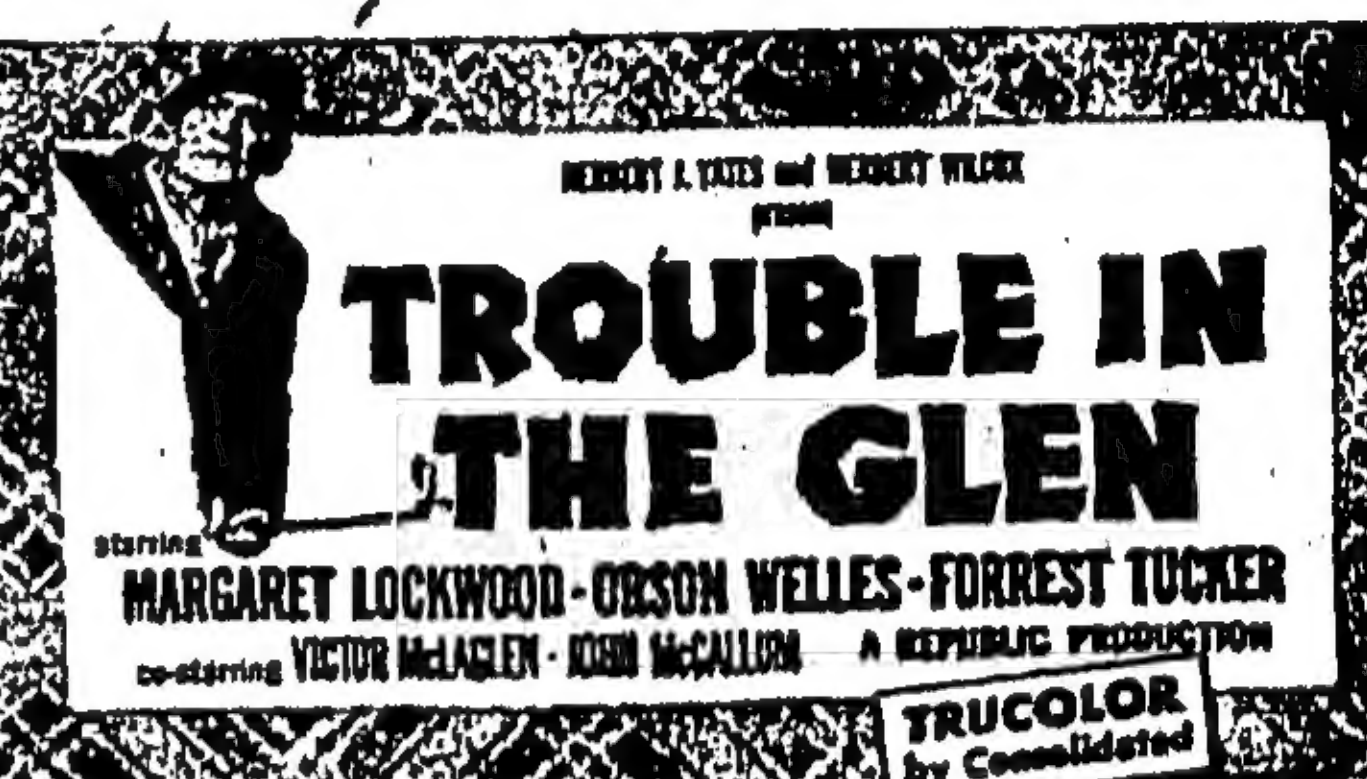
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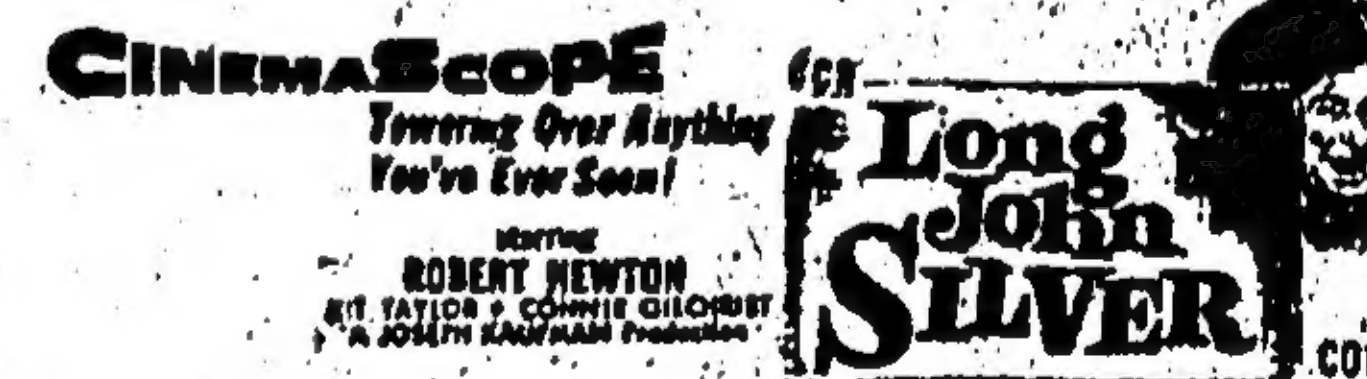
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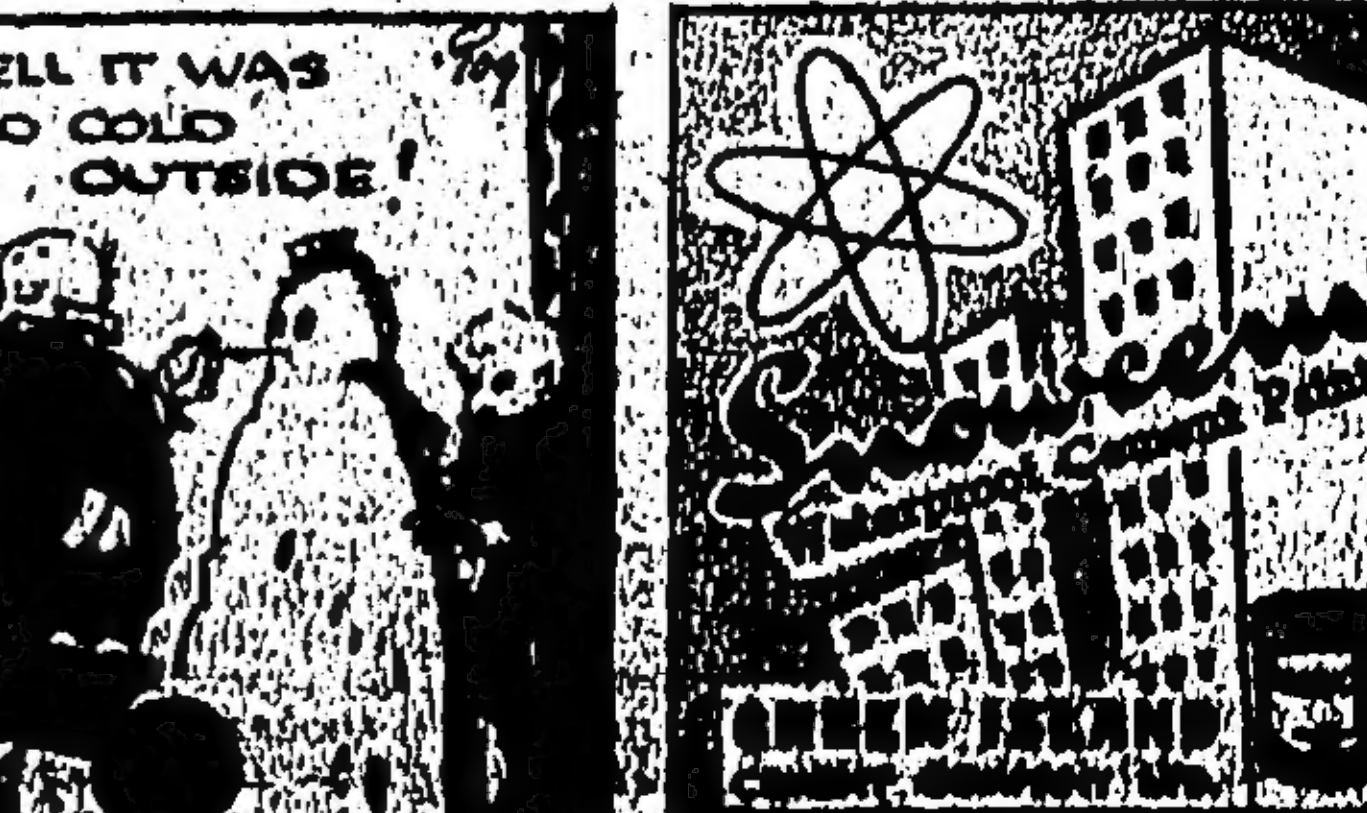


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Fashion Prize
For Chevalier

Paris, Feb. 28.
Maurice Chevalier, veteran French stage and screen singer, was awarded tonight one of the two 1953 "Golden Apples" for fashionable male attire.

The prizes, last awarded last year, go to a singer and a screen actor, and have been the best male dress sense during the season.

The other Golden Apple winner was Yves Montand, actor and singer.

The jury included women fashion experts, members of the French aristocracy and leading Paris artists (France-Press).

MISSING BALLERINA TURNS UP

Marseilles, Feb. 28.
A penitent ballerina turned up at a police station here today and said that she was sorry her disappearance from the Paris opera last Wednesday had caused so much anxiety.

The dancer, Jacqueline Pomie, said she did not realize the great importance the Press would give to her action, which was the result of deep disillusionment and a serious breakdown.

"I never had the idea of ending my life and I am grieved to learn the anxiety and distress of my parents and my husband. It is only to set their minds at rest that I have come to see you," she added.

She asked the police not to reveal where she was staying as she was tired out and needed "to pull myself together completely."

Mlle Pomie, who is 22, disappeared after learning that she had been placed fourth in a competition for three places as "prima ballerina" (first dancer) and a widespread police search began.

The ballerina told the police to tell her parents it was possible she would return home very soon. — France-Press.

Ratification Of Paris Agreements

AMBASSADORS PAY COURTESY CALLS

Paris, Feb. 28.
Premier Edgar Faure assured the United States and Britain today that France will finish ratifying German rearmament and then called in his Cabinet to fix a timetable.

The British Ambassador, Sir Gladwyn Jebb, and the American Minister, Mr Theodore Achilles, paid their "courtesy calls" on the new French Minister at midday. Afterwards, authoritative sources said M. Faure has assured his allies that French ratification was in the bag.

A Cabinet meeting this evening probably will set the timetable in late March for passage of the Paris pacts through the French Senate where they have been stalled during the long Government crisis.

Senate leaders may begin arranging the dates tomorrow.

Coming after the approval of the pacts by the West German Bundestag, French ratification will put the seal on long Allied efforts to bring German troops into the Western defence line.

M. Faure told his Ministers in their first Cabinet meeting last Friday that he intended to press for early ratification just as he promised, the sources said.

RAF Killed Sitting Ducks

Paris, Feb. 28.
The RAF has decided to take pity on the thousands of wild ducks who gather at its Kurechtand target area off northwest Germany every summer to mount the International Union for Nature Protection said in a communique published in Paris today.

The communique said that the RAF killed more than 12,000 ducks in the area last year because the ducks present the sandy island during moulting season when they are unable to fly.

Protests on behalf of the "sitting ducks" by various European ornithologists brought the RAF's decision to use only harmless non-explosive weapons in tests which take place in the area during the July-August moulting period, the communique said. — France-Press.

Not even the followers of General Charles de Gaulle objected.

The French Government, meanwhile, began hinting that it would like an early Big Three meeting with the United States and Britain—but after it ratifies the Paris pacts which will establish the Western European Union (WEU).

FLATLY DENIED
Officials flatly denied that M. Faure had asked for such a meeting in his sessions with Sir Gladwyn and Mr Achilles today. They agreed that France was in favour of periodic meetings, however.

There had not been a full-scale one since the change of Premiers in Russia nor since the dangerous flare-up in the Formosa Straits, though American Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, and the British Foreign Secretary, Sir Anthony Eden, had talked together and with the French Ambassador, M. Henri Bonnet, at the recent Bangkok conference. — United Press.

NO ROYAL TITLE FOR TRAIN

Ottawa, Feb. 28.
The Prime Minister, Mr Louis St Laurent, said today that the use of the word "Royal" in commercial titles should be restricted to keep it valuable.

Mr St Laurent revealed in the Commons that the Canadian Pacific Railway had dropped its intention of calling its new trans-continental fast train "The Royal Canadian" when it found it would not have time to obtain the Queen's approval.

The Premier said the Government would not make a constitutional issue of the use of the term, leaving it to her as a matter of royal prerogative. But he said Buckingham Palace frowned on indiscriminate use of the term.

DURING WAR
Permission was granted during the war years by the late King George VI for using Royal titles, Mr St Laurent recalled. Although several requests were made, the only one granted after the war was for the Winnipeg Ballet, which became officially the Royal Winnipeg Ballet.

The Under-Secretary of State, Mr Charles Stein, saw a news dispatch last December which said the CPR intended to call its new train the Royal Canadian. Mr St Laurent said. He wrote to the CPR vice-president, Mr N. R. Crump, enquiring whether the CPR had obtained permission.

The CPR took the view that it did not need permission, but Mr Stein quoted sections of the Trade Marks Act and the CPR later advised that it had decided to drop the matter because it would not have time to secure the Queen's approval before the service was to start. — United Press.

Paris, Feb. 28.
Hungary today announced its support for the appeal of the Supreme Soviet of the Soviet Union to the peoples and parliaments of the world for a decrease in international tension and the consolidation of peace.

Budgetary Radio said that the President of the Hungarian People's Republic, had decided to support the Soviet appeal. — France-Press.

HERMANN FIELD ARRIVES IN LONDON



Mr Hermann Field, the American architect who vanished in Poland in 1949, and was released from a Polish prison last October, arrives at Victoria Station, London, from Switzerland, where he went to recuperate. With him was his wife, Kate, who had joined him there. Their two sons, Allan and Hugh, who went to Switzerland to be with their parents at Christmas, and who returned to England to go back to school, greeted their mother and father on arrival. — Express photo.

Mike Hawthorn Went Too Fast

London, Feb. 28.
The famed auto racer, Mike Hawthorn, was fined 25 shillings by a court here today for speeding within the city limits.

Mr Hawthorn, who won Spain's Grand Prix auto race last year, was doing 50 miles per hour down a city street when he was stopped, the police said. — France-Press.

RAILROAD OPENED

Hanoi, Feb. 28.
The Hanoi-Nam Quan railroad directly linking North Vietnam and Communist China was officially opened today.

The inauguration was celebrated by Government officials of the Vietnamese Democratic Republic (Vietminh) and diplomats of Communist countries here.

The 125-mile line was rebuilt by Chinese and North Vietnamese technicians and workers in about four months.

The line, originally built by the French, had not been used for 10 years.

Journalists and officials boarded a train for the maiden voyage over the line today. The trip will end at Ping Seng, some 20 miles inside Communist China.

The train will return to Hanoi on Wednesday. — France-Press.

Peaceful Co-existence An Absolute Necessity—Spaak

Montreal, Feb. 28.
The Belgian Foreign Affairs Minister, M. Paul Henri Spaak, today termed peaceful co-existence "an absolute necessity" and said war was not a solution to any problem.

The 55-year-old statesman who describes himself as "an optimistic man by nature", warned, however, that a prerequisite to a long-lasting peace between East and West was the solution of some of the chief problems existing in Europe and Asia.

"I personally believe that peaceful co-existence is an absolute necessity because neither the people of the East nor the West want war," he told a Press conference at the Windsor Hotel here. "War is not a solution to any problem."

LONG AND PEACEFUL
"To have long and peaceful co-existence, however, we must solve some of the chief problems that confront us—such as Germany and Asia."

M. Spaak, who arrived here for a three-day stay before winding up his week-long Canadian sojourn, said his optimism made him hopeful the Formosa situation would be settled peacefully.

"During the evacuation of the Tachen Islands, either side could have created an incident," he told reporters. "The fact that there was no incident shows both sides are intent on avoiding a clash."

In answer to a reporter's question, M. Spaak said his country's policy on Formosa was closer to that of Ottawa and London than to the view advocated by Washington.

(Canada is on the record that it favours the neutralisation of Formosa and the offshore islands of Quemoy and Matsu are an integral part of China's territory.)

To a question about the "new regime" in Russia, M. Spaak replied: "Have we a new regime in Russia?"

Earlier today, the Belgian Foreign Minister welcomed news of the ratification of the Paris treaties by the West German Lower House.

He said he hoped the French Upper House would ratify the agreements rearming West Germany "next month" and added that, until complete ratification had been achieved, there could be little talk about a conference between East and West. — United Press.

Paris, Feb. 28.
The Prime Minister, M. Edgar Faure, and the Bey of Tunis have agreed in an exchange of telegrams quickly to resume negotiations for Tunisian home rule, it was announced tonight.

At the same time, the French Cabinet agreed to send shipments of food immediately to the hungry areas of the drought-stricken land.

An official communique said the Government would "send help to the populations of Tunisia affected by unemployment and drought in the form of immediate shipments of food goods."

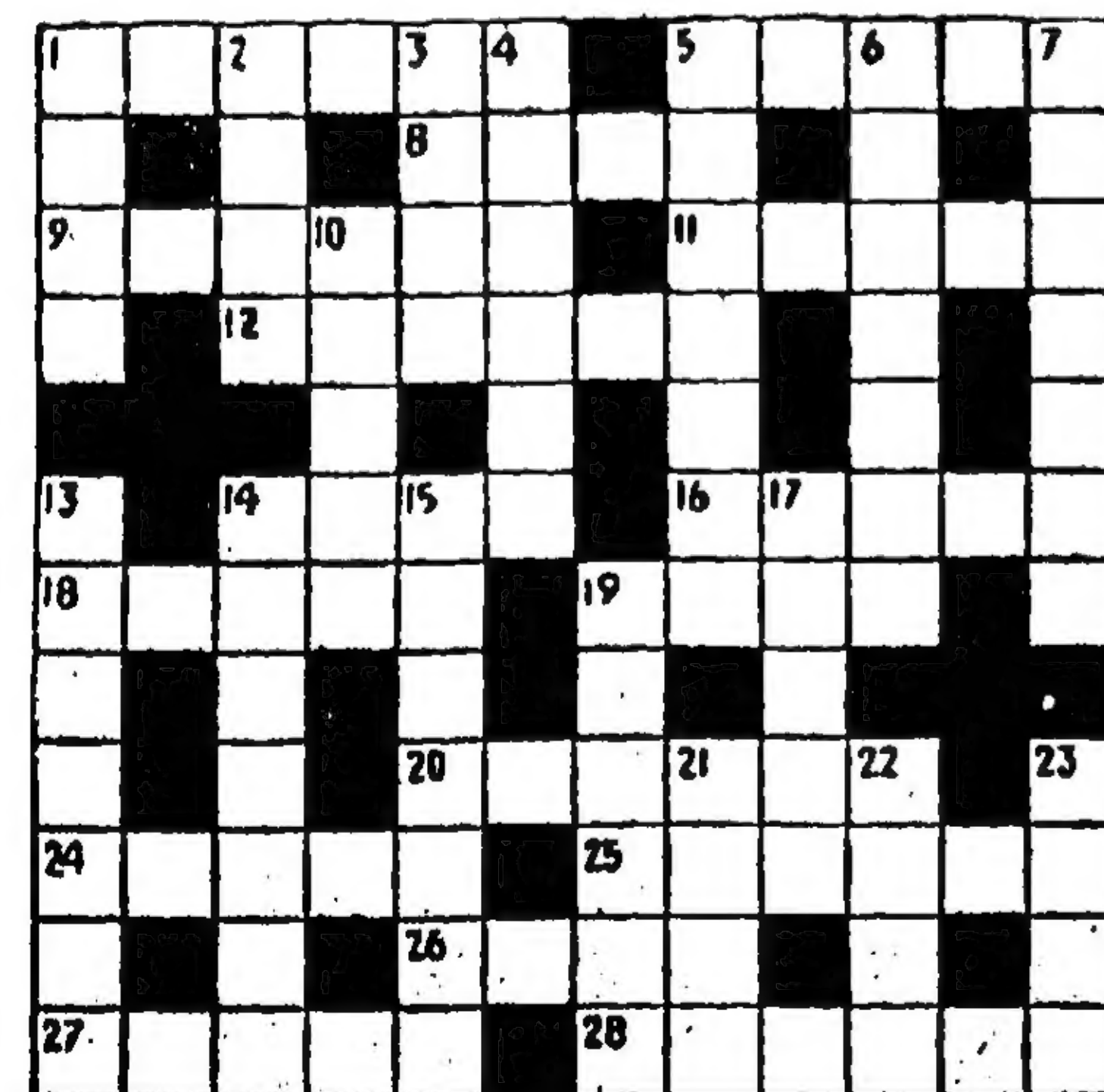
The Cabinet also released a telegram sent by M. Faure to the Tunisian Premier, Tahar Ben Ammar. It said:

"I want to tell them of the memory that I have kept of the welcome which I had when I had occasion to live among them 12 years ago, painful days for my country. I ask you to inform them of my sincere and deep willingness to work with you to decide during the negotiations we are going to resume the conceptions of a new rise in Tunisia that France will help to advance on the path of progress."

ASSURANCE
"I assure you of my friendship and my faith in the indissoluble friendship of France and Tunisia."

The Tunisian Resident-General, M. Pierre Boyer de La Tour, will come to Paris on Thursday for talks with Mr Faure and M. Pierre July, now Minister of Tunisian and Moroccan Affairs. The date will be set after these talks, sources said. — United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Deceive (6).
- 5 At a distance (5).
- 8 Objects (4).
- 9 Coupled (6).
- 11 Material (5).
- 12 Mock (6).
- 14 Pipe (4).
- 15 Pick-me-up (5).
- 18 Perpendicular (5).
- 19 Serpents (4).
- 20 Heavy drinkers (6).
- 24 Fool (5).
- 25 In high spirits (6).
- 26 Meadows (4).
- 27 Bird (5).
- 28 Rug (6).

DOWN

- 1 Drug (4).
- 2 Deposited (4).
- 3 Judge (4).
- 4 Last (6).
- 5 Avers (7).
- 6 Gets (7).
- 7 Money affairs (7).
- 10 Stage show (5).
- 13 Impute (7).
- 14 Trying out (7).
- 15 Fragile (7).
- 17 Musical work (5).
- 18 Seem (6).
- 21 Besides (4).
- 22 Commotion (4).
- 23 Horizontal entrance to mine (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1 Lodes, 4 Icicle, 8 Ranged, 10 Adept, 12 Verger, 14 Docket, 17 Scan, 19 Patient, 20 Forum, 22 Arrow, 23 Tinting, 27 Glossy, 28 Dress, 30 Empire, 31 Notion, 32 Hated, Down: 1 Lurid, 2 Dingo, 3 Slope, 5 Crag, 6 Coerce, 7 Extent, 9 Despoil, 11 Desist, 18 Realise, 19 Iron, 16 Crawls, 18 Anon, 20 Parody, 21 Regent, 24 Nymph, 25 Idiot, 26 Girdle, 28 Oath.

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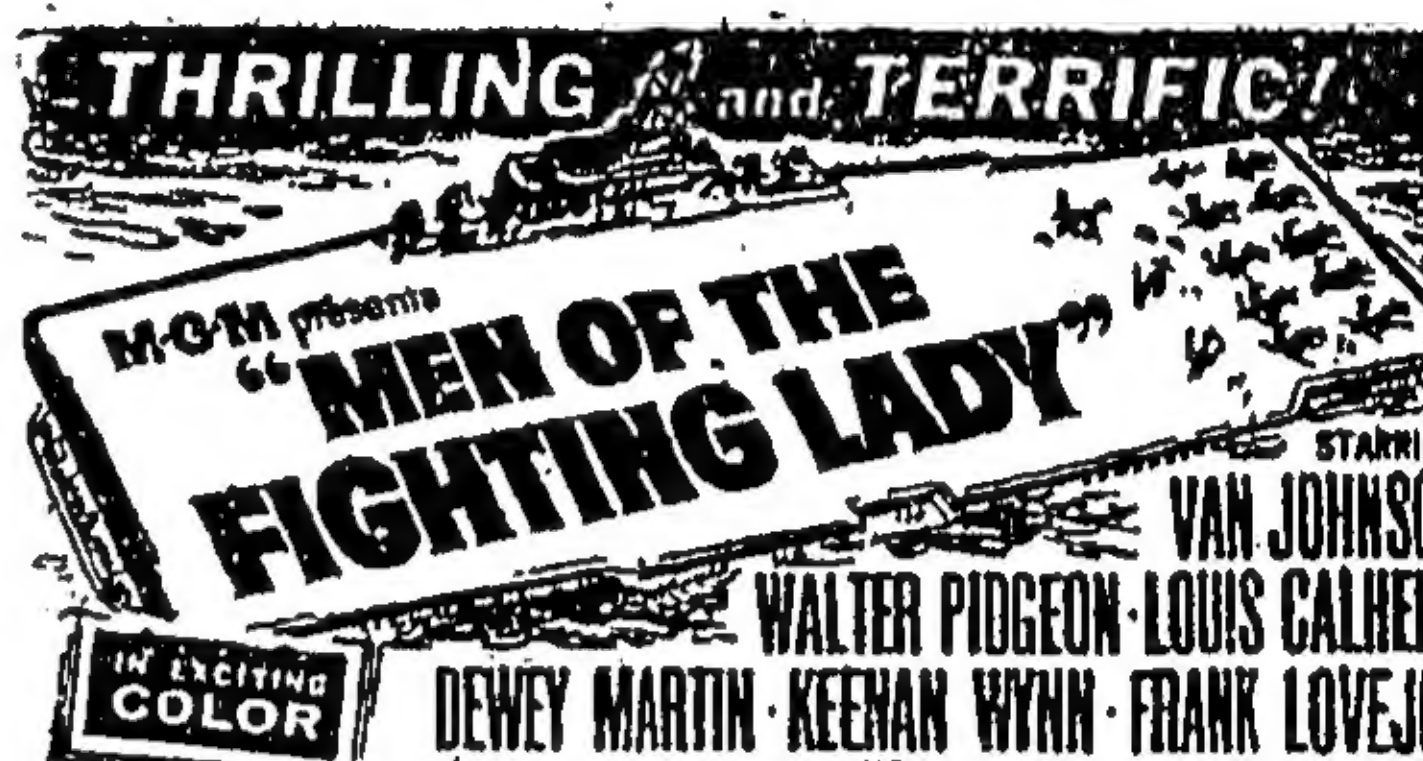
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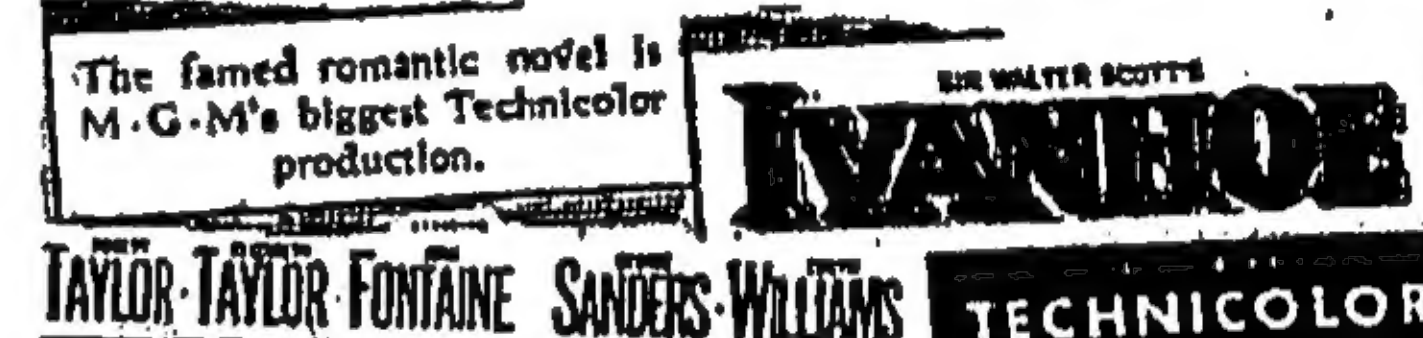
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Tokyo. It is part of the general "Japan for the Japanese" mood. I have found evidence of this in almost every conversation I have had with a Japanese, from the 77-year-old, half-paralyzed, but mentally spry, Premier Ichiro Hatoyama to officers of Japan's new American-trained and American-equipped defense force.

As a result I have a briefcase and mind filled with misgivings of a new Japanese danger. It is the danger of Japan's two faces.

THE ONE is turned West, smiling, polite, and reasonable, anxious to trade with the West and to collaborate with the United States.

THE OTHER squints East towards Peking and Moscow. It is resentful of Western advice and help, sensitive to imagined injuries.

The danger

THE Eastern face seems powerful right now. I see the danger of it becoming more powerful still in three to five years' time when the Americans hope to withdraw their forces from Japan proper, retaining only Okinawa and some other Pacific bases.

The immediate danger now is that the Japanese, trying to demonstrate their independence, may seek increasingly to obstruct the Americans in the job of turning Japan into a bastion against Communism.

Part of wave

MAKE no mistake about it, this "Japanese only" gesture—an increasingly large number of Tokyo nightspots find it a very paying one—is just one part of the new wave of nationalist self-assertion.



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round and reassure the Americans. Hatoyama is talking through his hat, Tani tells them. Recognition is diplomatically speaking not feasible.

Japan has every intention of remaining 100 percent lined up with the "Ossan bloc."

And once more the line given out to the Westerners is "just wait till the elections are over. This is just a bit of the Premier's politicking. He is trying to be all things to all men; ha, ha. But just watch. There will be no more of this impractical nonsense if he is returned to power with a good, thumping majority."

Well, I hope these reassurances are borne out by events. For I like and admire the Japanese as the ablest, most civilised, and most artistic of all Oriental peoples I have met.

I would hate to see them fall victims yet once more to a political psychosis, driving them yet again on to a disastrous road conflicting with their own true interests and ours.

But you have only got to see old Hatoyama hobble into action at a public meeting to see that his thinly-veiled taunts at the Americans are getting the cheers.

Nor would it be the first time that a politician in host on his own election propaganda.

But that is not the only aspect of this new, two-faced Japan of today which makes me fear for the future.

For, swimming back into power on this wave of Japan-for-the-Japanese nationalism are groups far more arrogant and uncompromising in their ambitions than the popularity-hunting Hatoyama.

The others

THERE are the banking bosses of the old Zaibatsu industrial trusts which MacArthur imagined he had smashed and destroyed for ever.

The Zaibatsu men are getting ready to reinvigorate the Japanese economy and make it more competitive by ridding themselves of the "unrealistic" labour regulations introduced by the Americans.

There are the schoolmasters and historians who mean to restore the old myths of Japanese invincibility to the school history books.

There are the ex-generals and ex-police officials, some of them released war criminals, who hope that the expansion of the army will give them back some of their former power.

There are the secret nationalist patriotic societies popping up once more, headed by notorious political assassins.

Liability?

APART from the danger they constitute in themselves, the appearance on the scene of these men is likely to frighten liberal and labour elements into the arms of the extreme Left.

Even if they do not push Japan into the Communist camp, all these factors combined are liable to weaken and divide Japan to the point where she becomes a liability rather than a bastion for the West.

And, believe me, neither Moscow nor Peking is missing any tricks on this.

TWO WIVES SPAN THE YEARS

ANNE SHARPLEY visits "the perfect profile"—who for so many years (22 in fact) has been so many women's ideal...

MY outstanding impression of both the Mrs Robert Taylors is that neither of them uses face powder; and to both of them Mr Robert Taylor is simply perfect.

It is seven years 11 months since I met the first Mrs Taylor, fair-haired Barbara Stanwyck. There was a happy atmosphere of friendly banter the husky husky of Mr Taylor.

"Really, dear," "Thank you, dear," he interjected as his wife, with shining eyes and a rather more shiny nose than expected in a film star, told me how delightful it was to be married to him.

I left them with the happy, warm conviction that this was a marriage that would last. Mr Taylor was clearly as perfect as his profile.

London. Now that I am older and wiser I could face the memory of that little moment of conviction with an open mind.

It was with only the smallest twinge I entered the room where Mr Taylor sat, as good-looking as ever, with his new wife, 29-year-old German-born Ursula Thiel at his side. Almost the first thing I noticed about her was that she too did not wear face powder. She was incredibly pretty in a delicate, Gainsborough way that is practically old-fashioned in these sex-conscious times.

Together they unfolded the pleasant harmony of their life together. First, there is the house they started building in June to their own design, and with Mr Taylor's colour schemes. "The living room is mostly stone and beigeish-grey with greens, corals and browns. Lovable colours, nothing drastic. The best compliment our friends

have paid us is to say that it's as though it had been lived in for 10 years."

It was delightful to hear again the story of how Mr Taylor is a six a.m. riser and usually gets up singing. "He has a very good voice, I think so." ("Thank you, dear.") How he is wonderfully easy to look after. ("He even cleans his 'tooth-glass'") and, needless to say, the cap always goes back on the tooth-paste.

I felt their anxiety about the birth of their baby. If the filming of Mrs Taylor's present picture, "Queen of Hearts," runs over schedule he may not be back in America for June when the baby is expected.

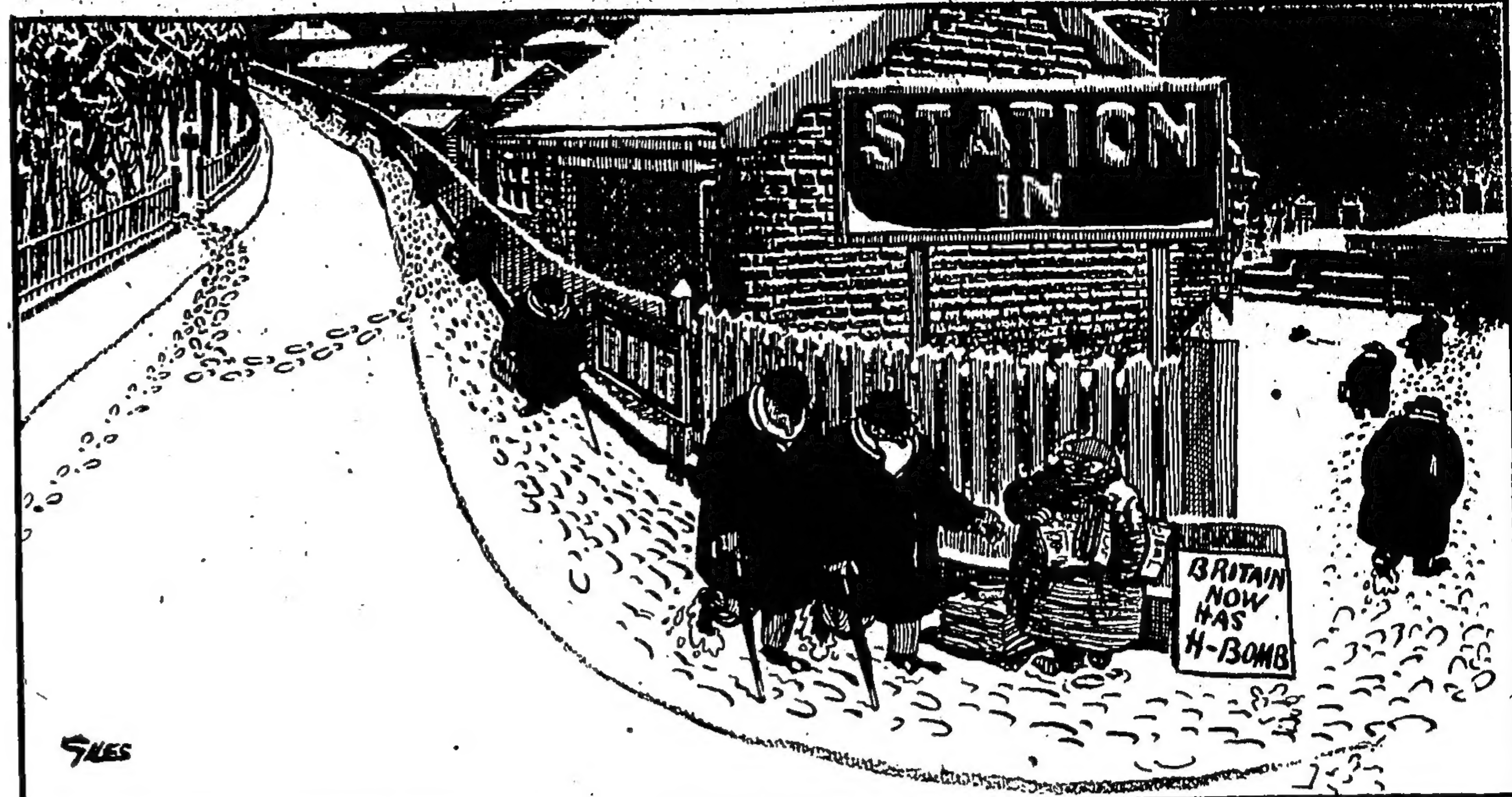
"I shall be so anxious I shall want to swim the Atlantic if I can't make it any other way." And the plans for the baby? Mrs Taylor already the mother of Margaret, 11, and Michael, 9, by a previous marriage, to a German film producer, confessed

she is a jealous mother. "I shall look after the baby all by myself after the first few weeks. I should get so jealous otherwise."

"You don't mind if I just come in and roll him over occasionally do you?" requested her husband. She gave him a shining look.

And Mr Taylor's opinion of his wife? He began with a jocular "Well, I can't pay her anything but compliments since she's been so nice about me." But he added: "She is an extraordinary person in many, many ways. Apart from being a good cook it is her even disposition. I have never seen her angry."

They were such a good-looking, glowing couple that it was impossible not to feel happy in their presence. Could that be a warm feeling of affection? I was beginning to get a hint.



"Warms the cockles of your heart, don't it? Now we can all bomb one another."

London Express Service

THIS YOUNG MAN IS GOING PLACES

-By Les Armour-

AT A TIME WHEN IT LOOKED AS IF BRITISH MUSICAL COMEDY HAD BEEN SWEEPED FROM LONDON'S WEST END FOR ALL TIME BY A WHOLE SERIES OF BRIGHT, BRASSY AMERICAN SHOWS, A YOUNG MAN RECENTLY DOWN FROM CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY TURNED THE TABLES. CRITICS, THEATREGOERS AND MANAGERMENTS HAVE HAILED THIS YOUNGSTER AS THE WHITE HOPE OF THE BRITISH MUSICAL COMEDY STAGE. HIS NAME IS JULIAN SLADE.

THE critics call him London. The new Noel Coward, the second Ivor Novello, Britain's Rogers and Hammerstein rolled into one. Julian Slade would deny it.

He doesn't claim Coward's biting wit, Novello's whipped cream sentiment, or the brass and sweep of Rogers and Hammerstein.

He likes small audiences, small theatres, neat, compact themes. His music has a precision about it. He regards it as a vehicle for the story and both his music and his dialogue are used with economy—just enough to make the point, the exact point.

At 24, he looks like a youthful and energetic civil servant, talks like a Cambridge don, and sounds as though he were just a little surprised that anyone should be interested in the wheels and the cogs which make the machine go round. His success he puts down to team work. Genius is a title he would reject out of hand;

craftsmanship is something nearer the mark.

But this far the critics are right; Julian Slade is a force to be reckoned with in the musical comedy business.

"Salad Days," his first major musical, after eight months on the boards in London, is still playing to packed houses—and the queues at the box office still look more like wartime queues for nylon than theatre queues. The new version of Sheridan's "The Duenna," for which Slade wrote the music, played for six months, very nearly a record for a production of its kind.

BEWILDERED

There are talks under way to arrange a production of "Salad Days" in New York and it is being translated into Dutch and Swedish—a procedure which slightly bewilders Slade, who is not so sure that the very British story about a couple of university graduates who encounter a magic piano will prove immensely funny outside England.

But it probably will. Three recorded versions of the musical are already available and being sold around the world in sufficient numbers to make the record companies inquire anxiously about the rights on the next production.

Slade's cautious enthusiasm is typical. If there is to be a New York production, he insists on being there and he would like to see it done in a small theatre with a small orchestra—and, where necessary, he would like to see it Americanised.

"It's not much good if you don't get it across," he says flatly. "I'm not so sure it will be easy—but I'd like it tried. Just so long as they don't brass it up too much."

Art for art's sake is not an idea that amuses him.

How do you get to the top at 24?

Slade doesn't know. "I always wanted to write musical comedies. I couldn't even tell you why, much less why I went about it the way I did."

The son of a London lawyer (a Queen's Counsel), he went to Cambridge because "that's the thing you do in a family like mine, I suppose." He studied Classics at school and at Cambridge, he produced a student revue—about which he'd rather not talk.



Slade: Greeks and Romans had ideas.

When he graduated, he decided that the best way to reach what he wanted was to get a job as a bill actor with a little writing thrown in. "It was lucky," he Bristol Old Vic hired me. Heaven knows why."

It was during his second year there—doing bit acting and writing incidental music—that he was told to write a musical.

"They gave me the title 'Salad Days' and told me to write—that was all. Except, of course, that I had Dorothy Reynolds (one of the Bristol Old Vic's top actresses) to help me write the book and the lyrics."

"We'd collaborated on a couple of Christmas shows before, so it worked fine—though, of course, she'd never done any writing before either. 'Neither' of us yet knows which one came up with the story idea first. Somehow we must have thought it up at the same time."

"Originally it was supposed to run three weeks. But after the second week we thought it would be a good idea to give it a try in London."

"So we persuaded everyone in the company to write to all the theatre managers they knew and ask them down to see it. We got several offers and finally settled on the Vaudeville Theatre."

SCARED

"I was pretty scared. So scared that we decided not to change a thing. I wouldn't even let them put an orchestra in. We had two pianos in Bristol. I played one—so we just carried on that way."

The London audiences were glad they decided to do it that way. Half the fun in the show is watching Slade hammer away at the piano. "He plays his very life depends on it."

"I was 18 when I decided to learn. I thought a man who wanted to write musicals ought to be able to play something."

About that time he gave up the possibility of another career. At 16 he wrote and illustrated a children's book called "Nibbly the Squirrel."

"I still like to draw," he admits. "But children's books! No more, thanks."

WISHFUL

And maybe it was wishful thinking about piano playing that gave him the idea for "Salad Days." The central "character" is really the magic piano which plays perfectly no matter who sits down to it and creates pandemonium in all directions because nobody can resist the urge to dance when they hear it.

"Could be," he says to that. "But Dorothy Reynolds got the idea too. And she didn't want to play the piano."

When he isn't writing musical comedies or playing the piano, (and the two take up more hours a day than most are awake these days because he is working full steam with the same collaborator—on a new musical) Slade's favourite occupation is watching other people's musicals.

Otherwise, he devotes himself to drawing ("doodling sometimes"), listening to music, and going to the theatre. He lives with his family in a London suburb—quietly, unassumingly, a typical English middle-class existence. "That seems to surprise people," he says with a grin. "Maybe it would help if I ruffled my hair and took to wearing sandals. But it doesn't seem worth the effort, does it?"

TAKE YOUR CUE FROM HORACE LINDRUM DON'T CRAMP YOUR STYLE

One of the many problems of snooker is the best way of holding your bridge-hand to support the cue — knowing how to form it comfortably and when to hold it differently, according to your position for the shot.

As I said in a previous article, awkward cushion positions are frequently popping up. I am continually being asked at my Club Exhibitions how to deal with the cushion rail problem. Only last week a Club opponent was left with the cue-ball six inches from the cushion rail and he used his normal bridge-hand for his shot. In so doing he had to operate in a cramped position and had to raise the butt end of his cue far too much: this meant his striking of the cue-ball.

This week's diagram shows you how to clear the table by introducing the correct bridge-hand at the opening stroke. Take a look at diagram A and decide how you would play before following my instructions for diagram B.

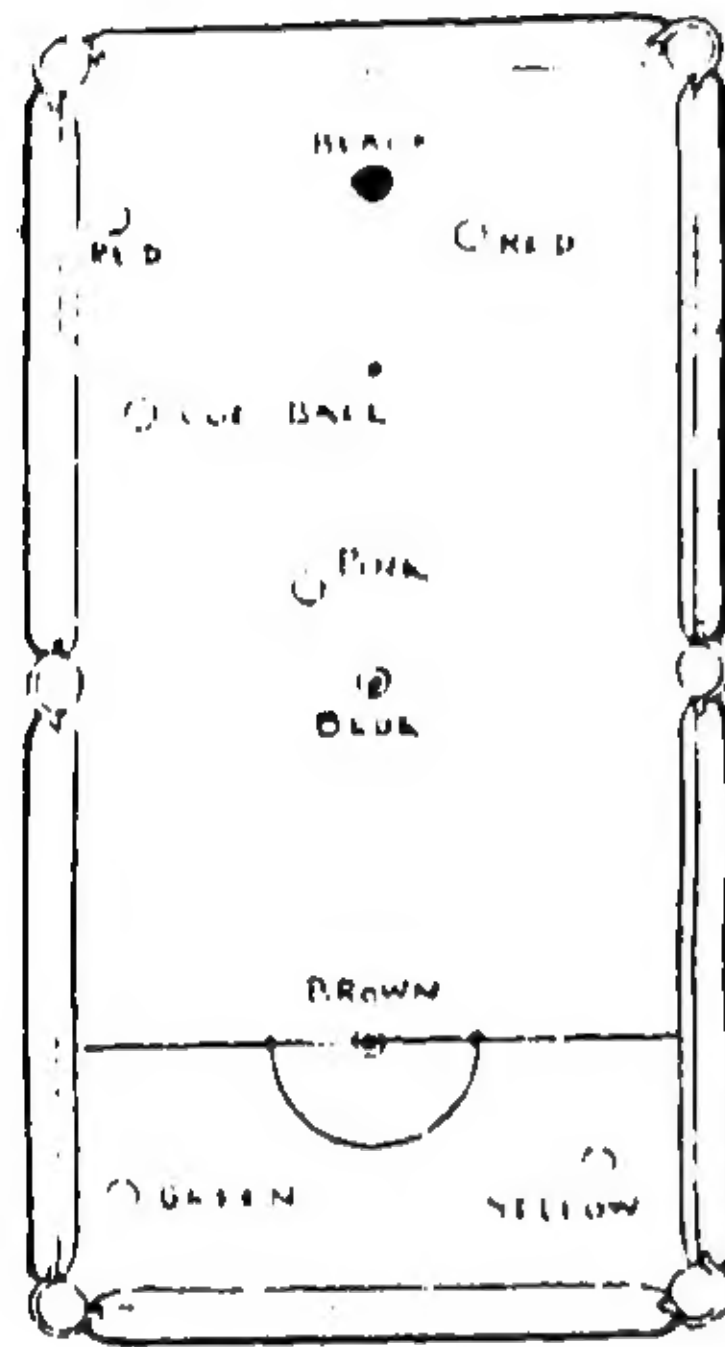


DIAGRAM "A"

HKFA MEETING

Army Request New Shield Final Date

A letter from the Army Sports Board asking for the date of the Shields Final between the Army and South China, fixed for March 20, be brought forward to March 10, was considered by the Management Committee of the Hong Kong Football Association Ltd. at a meeting yesterday.

After discussion on the subject, the meeting decided to write a reply to the South China Athletic Association seeking their view on the matter.

Mr Mok Hing, South China's representative, said that if the letter was sent today, the Management Committee may expect a reply by Thursday.

It was decided, should South China agree to the proposed change of date, that the game be played on the Club ground, or if that ground was not available then at the Caroline Hill ground.

Mr Leslie Channing proposed that the pre-sale of tickets be cut by 15 per cent. for the Club ground and 10 per cent. for the South China ground.

The proposal was adopted. It was decided to ask Mrs Kwok Chan to distribute the trophies at the conclusion of the game.

The meeting also decided to hold the first round of the Victory Shield Competition between the Combined Chinese and Services on March 9 at the Club Ground under floodlight.

Capt. W. A. George, Chairman, presided, assisted by Mr R. M. Omar, Secretary.

CUP REPLAY DRAWN

Newcastle, Feb. 28. Newcastle drew 2-2 with Nottingham Forest after extra time in their FA Cup Fifth Round replay today. Newcastle led 2-0 at half-time.

The teams will meet in a second replay on Newcastle's ground again on Wednesday, March 2.

The winners of this tie play Huddersfield Town at Huddersfield in the sixth round (quarter-finals) on Saturday, March 12.

Because of the second replay, the League Division One match between Newcastle United and Cardiff City, arranged for Wednesday, has been postponed.

By using the looped bridge—the thumb being tucked under the index finger which in turn is curled over the cue—I am able to pot the red quite easily into the top right-hand corner pocket; with the aid of a delicate screw-in the cue and low striking of the cue-ball I bring the cue-ball into position X1.

The black is now potted into the top left-hand corner pocket. The cue-ball hits the top cushion to come away and finish in position for the last red X2.

When potting this last red into the top left-hand corner pocket, a little right-hand side is used to come away from the top left-hand side cushion and finish on X3 for the black.

The cue-ball is addressed well below centre for potting the black into the top right-hand corner pocket and it screws into position for the yellow, X4.

Addressing the cue-ball to the extreme right edge of the centre, for potting the yellow into the bottom right-hand corner pocket, I bring the white ball off the bottom cushion with a sharp angle to finish on X5 for the green.

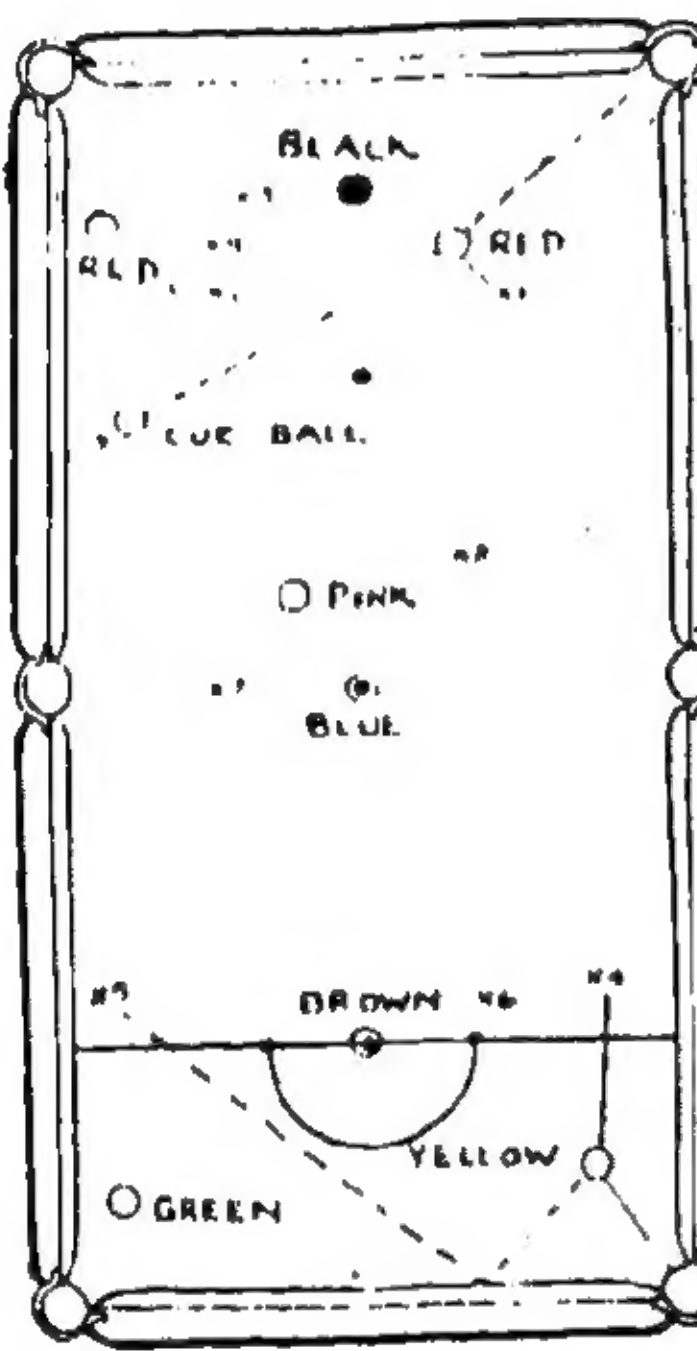


DIAGRAM "B"

Striking the cue-ball hard on top, I now send the green into the bottom left-hand corner pocket; the cue-ball comes off the bottom cushion to finish in the vicinity of X6.

The brown is now potted into the bottom left-hand corner pocket; the cue-ball is struck low—again with shortened grip on the butt of the cue—to screw into line for the blue, X7.

For the potting the blue into the middle right-hand pocket the cue-ball is struck on top so that it follows through to position X8.

The pink is now potted into the middle left-hand pocket. Just enough to bring the cue-ball away from the top left-hand side cushion to finish at X9—an ideal line-up for taking the black into the top right-hand corner pocket.

Practise the first stroke until you are comfortable and confident in using the looped bridge to support the cue. See, too, that in all the remaining strokes your bridge-hand is really comfortable. It will help you towards cue-ball control—the key to first class snooker.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Badminton Executive Committee Meeting at Marine House 6.30 p.m.
Final semi-finals round of Colony Gracourt Championship at HKCC.

Final of YARELY Inter-Unit Cup.

TOMORROW

Final of YARELY Inter-Unit Cup.

THURSDAY

Colony Gracourt Championship Final.
Final of YARELY Inter-Unit Cup.

WILL PLAYBOY MILLER BE AUSTRALIA'S CAPTAIN? He Has Paid For His Rows

By FRANK ROSTON

Mr K. Miller, the respected family man who lives with his tall, stately wife and three small sons in the seaside suburb of Manly, looks far from the rollicking buccaneer of the cricket world when he leaves home every day to drive to his newspaper office in Sydney.

His unruly, long hair is neatly brushed, he is smartly dressed in a quiet lounge suit and there is no hint of the fire and the flamboyance that have made him cricket's most controversial figure since he first played for Australia nine years ago.

But these qualities that make Keith Miller so dynamic and so outstanding a personality are still there—and nearly everybody, except the selectors, think

Macao Wants To Play Hockey At Melbourne Games

Macao, Mar. 1. The Macao Hockey Club has just been admitted as a member to the Portuguese Field Hockey Association.

Through this body the officials of the Macao Hockey Club are taking steps with the Portuguese Olympic Committee in order to get a foothold for the Macao players to represent Portugal in the 1956 Olympics Games at Melbourne.—France-Press.

SHIRAI v PEREZ

Mr Petronella Says He Did The Fair Thing

Providence, Rhode Island, Feb. 28.

The President of the National Boxing Association, Mr Anthony Petronella, said today that he did "the fair thing" in ruling that ex-Flyweight Champion Yoshio Shirai of Japan was entitled to a return bout with Pascual Perez of Argentina, the present title-holder.

Mr Petronella said that the two boxers had signed for a title match on October 10, 1954, with a "return bout" clause in the contract. Some after the signing, the World Champions' Committee met in London and passed a rule that there should be no "return clauses" in Championship fights.

However, after Perez defeated Shirai in November in Tokyo, Shirai said that since his contract was drawn up before the Committee's ruling, Perez was still obligated to a return match.

But the Argentine Champion denounced and the whole matter was eventually dumped in Mr Petronella's lap for a final decision, he said.

"It's a tough decision because it involves two foreign countries," he added.

"But, since the contract with the return clause pre-dated the Committee's ruling, I think it only fair that Perez meet Shirai."

Mr Petronella added that he could not force Perez to fight Shirai, but could withdraw recognition from his title.

He also said that if, as rumoured, Perez fights Argentinean Alberto Baraceni, and not Shirai, it would not count as a six months' title defence.

"However," Mr Petronella said, "I feel that Perez will go along with the NBA's ruling on this matter."

"It's a sure thing that you can't please everyone," he said.—United Press.

he should be Australia's captain. He is the bowler Len Hutton most fears and the player he admires most in world cricket. Why was Ian Johnson kept the captain's job in this series and for the tour in the West Indies next month?

The answer is a chain of circumstances created by domestic cricket, politics and Johnson's "diplomatic" background.

Johnson is not only the son of one famous cricketer—legislator father and married to the daughter of another, Dr Keith Park, but he is an off-field character who is persona grata with every cricket "king-maker" in Australia.

He comes from the right place. Melbourne, and Victoria still rules the cricket councils of Australia.

Johnson has always said and done the right thing.

BY CONTRAST

By contrast, you have the careless swagger of Miller, now 30, who grew up through cricket boyhood with Johnson in Victoria but left after the war to become a sports idol in Sydney.

Miller, with a "hang the consequences" attitude to sport and life itself, is a direct, unassuming, rode roughshod over officials and conventions in his earlier career.

He has long since proved his worthiness of responsibility and has captained New South Wales with conspicuous success, and to victory over the MCC.

He has progressed far since 1949 when the selectors rather scandalously most people thought—left him out of the team in tour South Africa.

That was generally accepted to be because Bradman, as captain, was at loggerheads with Miller on certain occasions during the tour of England in 1948.

Humez Beats Langlois In Five Rounds

Paris, Feb. 28.

France's European Middleweight Boxing Champion, Charles Humez, defeated France's 29-year-old Pierre Langlois when the referee stopped the fight in the fifth round of their scheduled 10-round non-title fight at the Palais des Sports stadium here tonight.

The 27-year-old Champion, who has his eye on a world title fight against Bobo Olson of the United States, waded into Langlois in the fourth round after a tame first three rounds.

Langlois, who was an 11th round technical knockout victim to Olson during their title fight in the United States in December last year, hit the canvas in the fourth round before a capacity crowd of 18,000 spectators as Humez connected a violent right to the face. The bell saved him from the final count.

Sent to the canvas again in the fifth round by a straight left, Langlois came up after a count of eight but, glassy-eyed, he was out on his feet and the referee stopped the fight.

Humez is now almost certain of a crack at Olson for the world crown.—France-Press.

Injustice was rectified when, under pressure from the South African authorities, Australia sent Miller as a reinforcement after a motor accident to Bill Johnston.

Since then, Miller's enemies who like to recall his youthful reputation for playboy activities, have had to make the most of the unhappy "Barnes incident." Barnes, acting as 12th man for New South Wales under Miller's captaincy, went on to the field in a lounge suit, equipped with scentsprays and combs to make a burlesque of the drinks interval.

Wide disapproval enveloped Miller who was unjustly blamed for lack of discipline. Now, at last, under sustained public pressure, Australian cricket controllers have relaxed their obvious disinclination to trust Miller to the point where they have made him vice-captain.

HANDS FORCED

But their hands have been forced because Morris, when they had prepared, could not retain his place in the side.

Now the supposition is that Miller makes a success of the vice-captaincy in the West Indies he will be Australia's next leader on the England tour.

Would he succeed as captain in England? Of course he would—especially if given a team manager like popular Chappie Dwyer, able New South Wales official who managed the tour of South Africa with real flair, to handle off-the-field affairs.

Miller is still one of the most dramatic figures who ever bedroze a sports field.

His acrobatic physical genius is such that he just can't help performing spontaneously, spectacular feats that make him the darling of the tough burrhead on the Sydney "Hill." He is still the devil-may-care joker and non-respecter of dignitaries, ready to deflate and debunk all pomp and importance out of solemn officials.

He is still the flouter of authority when he does not agree with it, but he is also still the man all his teammates and opponents like and respect.

Through touring England, South Africa and Australia in previous years with Miller I am closer to him than any English correspondent.

I know his faults well. They are well advertised and others besides his intimate friends know them.

But there is nothing petty about him. He is not only a first-class player and captain but a spontaneous sportsman, despite what some English spectators have thought of his antics on the field.

His teams play hard under him and all youngsters go to him because of his warm young player acts in vain of Miller when in trouble.

TEMPERING IT

As a captain he is tempering his impetuosity and his natural gambling instinct with experience.

Just as on the racecourse, where he will cheerfully wager £50 of his modest capital "on the nose" as they say in Sydney and lose it with all the obvious non-chalance of a millionaire, or at golf, where his tremendously long hitting humbles average players and he always despises them.

"Safe" shots, Miller is always liable to set a drowsy match alight with his buccaneering captaincy. He is one of the few hopes for the game itself in this bleak Australian scene—and he may lead Australia out of the wilderness.—(London Express Service)



Cricketer Miller . . . newspaperman Miller . . . now family man Miller with sons Denis, Peter and Bill. — Express Photo.

COLONY TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Lonne And Ouang Put Up Gallant Struggle Against Ip And Tsai

Defending Champions Ip Koon-hung and Edwin Tsai of South China will play Chinese Recreation Club's V. T. Wang and George Choa in the semi-finals of the Colony's Grasscourt Championships.

In the quarter-finals at Chater Road yesterday over a hundred people were rewarded with some of the best tennis seen at the HKCC ground. Ip and Tsai put out Lonne and Ouang 6-2, 6-4.

In Ip and Tsai's own section, the other quarter-final pair, V. T. Wang and George Choa, beat K. Y. Chang and E. Pereira 6-1, 6-1.

In the other section, K. C. Dao and E. Saubolle subdued K. Y. Chang and P. F. Zau 6-1, 6-1, and Tsai Wai-pui and Tsai Yun-pui triumphed over C. P. Ho and M. C. Ng with a 7-5, 6-2 score.

GALLANT STRUGGLE

If any prize were to be awarded to a beaten pair for courage and determination at the Championships, then it should go to the unseeded combination of F. G. Lonne and Carlos Ouang. In a four 35 minutes' struggle the gallant pair battled it out against the defending Champions.

Although beaten, Lonne and Ouang won the admiration of the crowd who lustily applauded their first rate performance, especially in the second set, when, trailing 0-1, they levelled the score and then went on to take the next two games, worrying the Champions.

Lonne and Ouang managed to take another game before bowing out to a much superior combination.

Best of the four players was, without doubt, the Colony Champion, Ip Koon-hung who was coolness personified. He used his head and exploited his courtship to great advantage. His sharp volleys, crisp backhand drives and high well placed lobs found wide gaps in the opposing defence.

Edwin Tsai gave his partner invaluable support, though at times he was erratic. His main asset was his volley-drive. He applied it whenever he had the

opportunity and invariably they were winners all the way. Ip and Tsai started well by taking the first game without much effort and the crowd thought that it was to be a walkaway win for the Champions.

But once the unseeded pair found the answer to Ip's top spin service and Edwin Tsai's powerful drives, the spectators realised what an entertaining game it would be. Lonne and Ouang did not disappoint them.

BEST THEY COULD DO

From 0-1, Lonne and Ouang crept up and eventually overhauled their opponents to lead 2-1. This turned out to be the best they could do in this set for Ip Koon-hung and Edwin Tsai got into their stride to take the set at 6-2.

In the second set Lonne and Ouang led 3-1 and 4-2. Lonne's high-powered services were point-scoring and his passing shots caught Ip and Tsai time and again.

At this stage, the defending Champions shared as many anxious moments as their challengers. With nothing to lose and everything to gain, Lonne and Ouang hammered away at everything in an attempt to force a rubber.

Unfortunately for them Ip Koon-hung struck a good patch to reel off four games in a row.

In another quarter final tie, schoolboys C. P. Ho and M. C. Ng fought one of their biggest battles when they met seeded pair, Tsai Wai-pui and Tsai Yun-pui.

The seeded pair won 7-5, 6-2 in a match with all the elements in it to keep a crowd interested.

The brothers combination, Wai-pui and Yun-pui, began the game in convincing style to take a 1-0 lead. But the schoolboys then took the next three games in a row with their smooth combination and courtcraft.

Wai-pui and Yun-pui pulled themselves together and with forceful forehand drives planned the schoolboys at the base to tie the score at three games each. They went on to 5-4 and game point, but Ho and Ng refused to be beaten.

Bringing in all their concentration and reserves, Ng and Ho levelled at 5-5. This effort, as it turned out, took too much out of them and they lost the set at 7-5.

Ho and Ng were a spirited combination in the second set. The schoolboys took the first game but soon the experience of Wai-pui and Yun-pui began to tell. Before long, it was all over at 6-2 in favour of the Tsai brothers. The Tsais will meet K. C. Dao and E. Saubolle in the semi-final.

THE RESULTS

The following were the results:

Doubles

Ip Koon-hung and Edwin Tsai beat F. G. Lonne and Carlos Ouang 6-2, 6-4.

V. T. Wang and George Choa beat K. Y. Chang and E. Pereira 6-1, 6-1.

K. C. Dao and E. Saubolle beat K. Y. Chang and P. F. Zau 6-1, 6-1.

Tsai Wai-pui and Tsai Yun-pui beat C. P. Ho and M. C. Ng 7-5, 6-2.

TODAY'S GAME

Singles Semi-Final.
Ip Koon-hung v. K. C. Dao at 4.30 p.m.

Canadians Lead In Ice Hockey Championship

Born, Feb. 28. Canada maintained their lead in the World Ice Hockey Championships when they defeated Finland 12-0 at Dusseldorf in the fourth round today.

The Canadians head the list, having won all their four games.

The USSR, 1954 Champions, also won their four matches when they defeated Poland 8-2 at Cologne, but they have scored fewer goals than the Canadians.

The United States moved up to third place after beating Switzerland at Krefeld 7-2.—France-Press.

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